

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 4217–4246; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 218–219; and H. Res. 950–954, 957–958 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1319, to prevent the inadvertent disclosure of information on a computer through the use of certain “peer-to-peer” file sharing software without first providing notice and obtaining consent from the owner or authorized user of the computer, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–361);

H.R. 2221, to protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect computerized data containing personal information, and to provide for nationwide notice in the event of a security breach, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–362);

H.R. 512, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit certain State election administration officials from actively participating in electoral campaigns, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–363);

H. Res. 955, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4213) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions (H. Rept. 111–364); and

H. Res. 956, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4173) to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, and to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets (H. Rept. 111–365); and

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Conference Report on H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–366).

Page H14081–H14373

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Speier to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:17 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Richard Hynes, Office of Evangelism, Archdiocese of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

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Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed to the Olver motion to disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

Pages H13556–57, H13570

Agreed to the Latham motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 931.

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The Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Olver, Pastor (AZ), Kaptur, Price (NC), Roybal-Allard, Berry, Kilpatrick (MI), Lowey, Obey, Latham, Wolf, Tiahrt, Wamp, and Lewis (CA).

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Directing the President to transmit to Congress a report on anti-American incitement to violence in the Middle East: H.R. 2278, amended, to direct the President to transmit to Congress a report on anti-American incitement to violence in the Middle East, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 3 nays with 9 voting “present”, Roll No. 936;

Pages H13558–60, H13598–99

Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission Act of 2009: H.R. 2134, amended, to establish the Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission;

Pages H13560–63

Encouraging the Republic of Hungary to respect the rule of law, treat foreign investors fairly, and promote a free and independent press: H. Res. 915, to encourage the Republic of Hungary to respect the rule of law, treat foreign investors fairly, and promote a free and independent press, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 333 yeas to 74 nays with 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 937;

Pages H13563–67, H13599

Expressing the sense of Congress for and solidarity with the people of El Salvador as they persevere through the aftermath of torrential rains which caused devastating flooding and deadly mudslides: H. Con. Res. 213, amended, to express the sense of Congress for and solidarity with the people of El Salvador as they persevere through the aftermath of torrential rains which caused devastating flooding and deadly mudslides;

Pages H13567–68

Expressing sympathy for the 57 civilians who were killed in the southern Philippines on November 23, 2009: H. Con. Res. 218, to express sympathy for the 57 civilians who were killed in the southern Philippines on November 23, 2009;

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FBI Families of Fallen Heroes Act: H.R. 2711, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the transportation of the dependents, remains, and effects of certain Federal employees who die while performing official duties or as a result of the performance of official duties;

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Recognizing the Grand Concourse on its 100th anniversary as the preeminent thoroughfare in the borough of the Bronx and an important nexus of commerce and culture for the City of New York: H. Res. 907, to recognize the Grand Concourse on its 100th anniversary as the preeminent thoroughfare in the borough of the Bronx and an important nexus of commerce and culture for the City of New York, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 405 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 938;

Pages H13578–79, H13599–H13600

Extending through December 31, 2010, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits: H.R. 4165, to extend through December 31, 2010, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits;

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Amending the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 to modify an environmental infrastructure project for Big Bear Lake, California: H.R. 1854, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 to modify an environmental infrastructure project for Big Bear Lake, California;

Pages H13581–82

Authorizing the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, and construct a vehicle maintenance building at the vehicle maintenance branch of the Smithsonian Institution located in Suitland, Maryland: H.R. 3224, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, and construct a vehicle maintenance building at the vehicle maintenance branch of the Smithsonian Institution located in Suitland, Maryland;

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Data Accountability and Trust Act: H.R. 2221, amended, to protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect computerized data containing personal information, and to provide for nationwide notice in the event of a security breach;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect data containing personal information, and to provide for nationwide notice in the event of a security breach.”.

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Informed P2P User Act: H.R. 1319, amended, to prevent the inadvertent disclosure of information on a computer through the use of certain “peer-to-peer” file sharing software without first providing notice and obtaining consent from the owner or authorized user of the computer;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To prevent the inadvertent disclosure of information on a computer through the use of certain “peer-to-peer” file sharing programs without first providing notice and obtaining consent from an owner or authorized user of the computer.”.

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Fiscal Year 2010 Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act, Part II: H.R. 4217, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program; and

Pages H13594–96

No Social Security Benefits for Prisoners Act of 2009: H.R. 4218, to amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to prohibit retroactive payments to individuals during periods for which such individuals are prisoners, fugitive felons, or probation or parole violators.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Monday, December 7th:

Recognizing the 10th Anniversary of the activation of Echo Company of the 100th Battalion of the 442d Infantry, and the sacrifice of the soldiers and families in support of the United States: H. Con. Res. 199, amended, to recognize the 10th Anniversary of the activation of Echo Company of the 100th Battalion of the 442d Infantry, and the sacrifice of the soldiers and families in support of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 400 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 932;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the 10th Anniversary of the redesignation of Company E, 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment of the United States Army and the sacrifice of the soldiers of Company E and their families in support of the United States.”.

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Commending the soldiers and civilian personnel stationed at Fort Gordon and their families for their service and dedication to the United States:

H. Con. Res. 206, amended, to commend the soldiers and civilian personnel stationed at Fort Gordon and their families for their service and dedication to the United States and to recognize the contributions of Fort Gordon to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and its role as a pivotal communications training installation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 933; **Pages H13571–72**

Recognizing and honoring the National Guard on the occasion of its 373rd anniversary: H. Res. 940, to recognize and honor the National Guard on the occasion of its 373rd anniversary, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 934; and **Pages H13572–73**

Recognizing the United States Air Force and Dyess Air Force Base for their success in achieving energy savings and developing energy-saving innovations during Energy Awareness Month: H. Res. 845, amended, to recognize the United States Air Force and Dyess Air Force Base for their success in achieving energy savings and developing energy-saving innovations during Energy Awareness Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 935. **Pages H13597–98**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Roy Rondeno, Sr. Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3951, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Roy Rondeno, Sr. Post Office Building”; **Pages H13573–74**

Ann Marie Blute Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 4017, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 43 Maple Avenue in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, as the “Ann Marie Blute Post Office”; **Pages H13574–76**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should provide increased Federal funding for continued type 1 diabetes research: H. Res. 35, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should provide increased Federal funding for continued type 1 diabetes research; and **Pages H13582–84**

Expressing support for the designation of a National Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month to raise awareness of and promote research into this challenging disorder: H. Res. 55, to express support for the designation of a National Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month to raise awareness of and promote research into this challenging disorder. **Pages H13584–86**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H13570, H13571, H13571–72, H13572–73, H13597–98, H13598, H13599 and H13599–H13600. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AFGHANISTAN STRATEGIC REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on Afghanistan: The Results of the Strategic Review, Part II. Testimony was heard from GEN Stanley McChrystal, USA, Commander, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), and Commander, U.S. Forces Afghanistan (USFOR—A), Department of Defense; and Ambassador Karl W. Eikenberry, U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan, Department of State.

U.S. EDUCATION STANDARDS

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Improving Our Competitiveness: Common Core Education Standards. Testimony was heard from Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE INFLATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Prescription Drug Price Inflation: Are Prices Rising Too Fast?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE CRISIS RESPONSE

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “The Private Sector and Government Response to the Mortgage Foreclosure Crisis.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Herbert M. Allison, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Financial Stability; and Douglas W. Roeder, Senior Deputy Comptroller Large Bank Supervision, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Michael H. Krimminger, Special Advisor, Policy, Office of the Chairman, FDIC; and public witnesses.

JUDGE PORTEOUS IMPEACHMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Judicial Impeachment continued possible Impeachment of United States District Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., Part II. Testimony was heard from DeWayne Horner, Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, Louisiana, Department of Justice; Alan Baron, Special Impeachment Counsel, Committee on the Judiciary; and public witnesses.

Will continue December 10.